

Grantee: Reading, PA

Grant: B-09-CN-PA-0014

July 1, 2013 thru September 30, 2013 Performance Report



Grant Number:
B-09-CN-PA-0014

Obligation Date:

Award Date:
02/11/2010

Grantee Name:
Reading, PA

Contract End Date:
02/11/2013

Review by HUD:
Reviewed and Approved

LOCCS Authorized Amount:
\$5,000,000.00

Grant Status:
Active

QPR Contact:
Chrystal Edwards

Estimated PI/RL Funds:
\$1,000,000.00

Total Budget:
\$6,000,000.00

Disasters:

Declaration Number

No Disasters Found

Narratives

Executive Summary:

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The City of Reading, Our City Reading, Inc. and the Reading Housing Authority welcomes the opportunity to address the foreclosure crisis within the City through the usage and implementation of Neighborhood Stabilization Funding 2. The City is fortunate enough to have the commitment of two very strong partners with a long, proven track record of success in rehabilitating housing units and providing decent, safe and affordable homes to low/mod individuals and families. Census tracts were identified due to the high impact of vacancy and foreclosure rates &ndash the consortium wanted to have the most direct impact on the targeted geography that met HUD’s criteria, among which, will have funding going to the purchase and rehabilitation of single family dwellings and no multi-family dwellings even considered for funding. We are confident that this team can meet all rules and requirements (25% of funding to 50% below area medium income for example) set forth and look forward to getting to work on undertaking this momentous assignment.

Target Geography:

Targeted Geography

The targeted geography for the NSP2 program was selected due to the number of foreclosures within the census tracts chosen. The following census tracts were selected: 10 (foreclosure score 13, vacancy score 18, max score 18), 11 (foreclosure score 14, vacancy score 18, max score 18), 12 (foreclosure score 15, vacancy score 18, max score 18), 13 (foreclosure score 15, vacancy score 19, max score 19), and census tract 18 (foreclosure score 12, vacancy score 17, max score 17). The first four tracts are located centrally within the City’s downtown core while 18 is located in a vital “gateway” into the City.

Program Approach:

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The three entities comprising of the NSP2 consortium have been addressing issues of neighborhood stability in the City of Reading for some time, including the issue of foreclosure and the destabilizing effect that this has had on neighborhoods. Please view our budget below.

CDBG Eligible Activity
Responsible entity
Amount in original NSP2 application
Proposed number of units in original NSP2 application
Revised budget amount
Revised number of units
Acquisition of foreclosed and vacant homes for renovation
City of Reading Community Development Department with Our City-Reading
\$1,080,000.00
120
\$675,000.00



80
Renovation of foreclosed, abandoned and vacant homes
Our City-Reading
\$4,320,000.00
120
\$2,700,000.00
80

Homeownership counseling
Our City-Reading
\$40,000.00
120
\$25,000.00
80

Acquisition of homes meeting the HUD guidelines for rental renovation for families at 50% or below medium income
City of Reading Community Development Department & the Reading Housing Authority
\$394,094.00
31
\$246,308.75
20

Renovation of homes meeting the HUD guidelines for rental renovation for families at 50% or below medium income
The Reading Housing Authority
\$1,593,056.00
31
995,660.00
20
Homeownership counseling
The Reading Housing Authority
\$12,850.00
31
\$8,031.25
20

Project Administration
City of Reading CD Dept. Our City Reading and the Reading Housing Authority
\$560,000.00
151
\$350,000.00
100
Total(s):

\$8,000,000.00
151
\$5,000,000.00
100

Consortium Members:

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The Consortium is comprised of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania (lead agency), the Reading Housing Authority (RHA) and Our City-Reading, Inc.
Our City Reading (OCR)

Our City Reading is a 501C non profit corporation with a three pronged mission: to create pride and stability through home ownership to Reading's first time home buyers, to bring new high quality job opportunities to the area, and-to enhance the quality of life for city and surrounding community residents. In 2001 Our City Reading began to interact with government entities, bankers, and local building contractors, to fully restore market and sell houses in all areas of the city of Reading. As of January 2007, Our City Reading has assisted over 300 families to become first time homebuyers. OCR's banking partners provided low interest loans, at rates below standard residential housing mortgage rates.

OCR's non-profit structure, high volume purchasing of home restoration materials, local contractors and the favorable financing arrangements have made the transition from rental to home ownership very affordable for our inner city Reading residents. Homes sell for less than most residents now pay in rent per month including taxes and insurance.

Currently OCR has renovated and restored over 425 houses within the City of Reading providing first time homebuyers an excellent home at affordable costs. Please check out Our City-Reading's website at: <http://www.ourcityreading.org/ocr/index.htm>

The Reading Housing Authority (RHA)

The Reading Housing Authority (RHA) is a Public Housing Agency that is organized under the laws of Pennsylvania, and whose primary contract is with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The agency was organized in 1939 under the U.S. Housing Act in order to meet the housing needs of residents of the City of Reading, many of whom who could not otherwise afford housing that was decent and safe. The agency continues to seek that end today, by offering quality, affordable housing options and opportunities for the families that are served.

The Reading Housing Authority operates different programs in order its goal. Affordable rents for income eligible individuals and families in the



agency's 1600+ Public Housing Apartments and Townhouses that are located in 8 different developments throughout the City of Reading. Through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, more than 600 families are assisted in paying their rent to private landlords. In its Homeownership programs, participants are able to purchase a house in the City of Reading by utilizing short and long term assistance with budgeting and rent/mortgage payments. The Homeownership program uses both the Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher programs to assist those interested in homeownership and many families have taken advantage of these programs and become homeowners.

The City of Reading, Community Development Department

The City of Reading's Community Development Department is well versed in administering federal grants from HUD & we are an entitlement community receiving an allocation of CDBG, HOME and ESG each year.

Consortium Members:

In addition to these funds the City is currently administering activities funded through our HPRP and CDBG-R grants. The City has three full time community development specialists, one full time fiscal officer and a full time rehabilitation specialist. Our department director has vast experience in community and economic development/revitalization. The Department's direct line is (610) 655-6211. Daniel Z. Wright, the system administrator can be reached at Daniel.wright@readingpa.org

How to Get Additional Information:

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To contact the City of Reading:

<http://www.readingpa.gov> homepage

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Lenin Agudo, Community Development Director

lenin.agudo@readingpa.org (610) 655-6211

Contacts/additonal information regarding Our City-Reading

<http://www.ourcityreading.org/ocr/index.htm> homepage

Communications regarding affordable housing: Carrie Miller, Housing Director (610) 898-6138 or carriemiller@boscovs.com

Project Management/Construction: Garreth Donly, (610) 898-6166 or gdonly@boscovs.com

Mr. Albert Boscov, Chairman (610) 898-1011 or aboscov@boscovs.com

Contacts/Additional Information regarding the Reading Housing Authority

<http://www.readingha.org> homepage

info@readingha.org.

Daniel Luckey, Executive Director

Reading Housing Authority

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Overall	This Report Period	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$5,951,251.12
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$5,951,251.12
Total Obligated	\$0.00	\$5,951,251.12
Total Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$5,771,195.27
Program Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$4,828,401.64
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$942,793.63
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$946,784.44
Total Funds Expended	\$805,252.39	\$6,319,124.72
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00



Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets

Requirement	Required	To Date
Overall Benefit Percentage (Projected)		0.00%
Overall Benefit Percentage (Actual)		0.00%
Minimum Non-Federal Match	\$0.00	\$0.00
Limit on Public Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
Limit on Admin/Planning	\$500,000.00	\$375,818.62
Limit on State Admin	\$0.00	\$375,818.62

Progress Toward Activity Type Targets

Activity Type	Target	Actual
Administration	\$500,000.00	\$413,837.03

Progress Toward National Objective Targets

National Objective	Target	Actual
NSP Only - LH - 25% Set-Aside	\$1,250,000.00	\$1,490,523.71

Overall Progress Narrative:

During this past quarter, 3 more units have been sold, bringing the total number of units sold to 24. Additionally two units are pending sale, three units have been rented, and 10 units are under construction. The City of Reading has been provided with technical assistance to create a marketing plan for the units and we have been actively implementing the marketing plan with some success.

Project Summary

Project #, Project Title	This Report Period	To Date	
	Program Funds Drawdown	Project Funds Budgeted	Program Funds Drawdown
1, NSP Acquisition	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2, NSP Acquisition and Rehabilitation	\$0.00	\$5,537,414.09	\$4,452,583.02
3, Cancelled: Homeownership Counseling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4, NSP Administration	\$0.00	\$413,837.03	\$375,818.62

Activities

Project # / Title: 2 / NSP Acquisition and Rehabilitation

Grantee Activity Number: B-3

Activity Title: NSP Acq.Rehab.ForeclosedLMMI

Activity Category:

Rehabilitation/reconstruction of residential structures

Project Number:

2

Projected Start Date:

07/01/2009

Benefit Type:

Direct (HouseHold)

National Objective:

NSP Only - LMMI

Program Income Account:

Our City of Reading, PI Account

Activity Status:

Under Way

Project Title:

NSP Acquisition and Rehabilitation

Projected End Date:

03/31/2013

Completed Activity Actual End Date:

Responsible Organization:

Our City Reading

Overall

Total Projected Budget from All Sources

Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2013

N/A

To Date

\$3,927,500.00

Total Budget

\$0.00

\$3,927,500.00

Total Obligated

\$0.00

\$3,748,924.08

Total Funds Drawdown

\$0.00

\$3,760,127.13

Program Funds Drawdown

\$0.00

\$3,021,255.60

Program Income Drawdown

\$0.00

\$738,871.53

Program Income Received

\$0.00

\$443,674.14

Total Funds Expended

\$805,252.39

\$3,760,127.13

Our City Reading

\$805,252.39

\$3,760,127.13

Match Contributed

\$0.00

\$0.00

Activity Description:

Renovation of foreclosed, abandoned and vacant homes.

This activity includes homeownership counseling activities for NSP2 buyers. Our city-Reading, Inc. contracts with vendors like BCAP and NHS to provide home-ownership counseling to NSP2 buyers. Activity B3 now includes payment of vendors to NHS and BCAP by Our City-Reading, Inc.

Location Description:

Activity Progress Narrative:

Total amount of funds expended updated to match total amount drawn down. This amount was not updated in the previous two QPR's.

Accomplishments Performance Measures

	This Report Period	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected
	Total	Total
# of Properties	0	10/80

	This Report Period	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected
	Total	Total
# of Housing Units	0	10/0

Beneficiaries Performance Measures

	This Report Period			Cumulative Actual Total / Expected			
	Low	Mod	Total	Low	Mod	Total	Low/Mod%
# of Households	0	0	0	0/0	9/80	10/80	90.00

Activity Locations

No Activity Locations found.

Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail

No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Other Funding Sources	Amount
No Other Funding Sources Found	
Total Other Funding Sources	